* 2953 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 13th July 1954 from the workers of Kerala Polytechnic, Kozhikode, regarding the improvement of their service conditions in respect of grades, increment in pay and allowances, provident fund, house rent allowance, gratuity, etc.; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Orders were issued by Government in G.O. Ms. No. 1015, Industries, Labour and Co-operation, dated 18th March 1955, a copy [a] of which is placed on the table of the House.

*Ratnasabhapathi Mudaliar Committee*

* 2954 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have finished the examination of the report submitted by the Ratnasabapathi Mudaliar Committee regarding Municipal Councils;

(*b*) if so, what the final decisions on the various recommendations are ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will place a "white paper" on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYATCHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Decisions on some of the points contained in the report are yet to be taken. When they are taken, a white paper embodying all the decisions will be placed on the table of the House.

*Andhra-Madras border dispute*

* 2955 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state when the negotiations with the Andhra State Government for the readjustment of the border in the disputed areas will take place?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 2191 of the hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam, M.L.A., given in this House on the 22nd August 1955.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 660–661 infra.